

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2018

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, September 24, 2018 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracey Magnuson, John Carlson, Sandy Arsenault, Jay Clancey, Carrie Meyer, Anne Giroux, and Mark Slown (8). Absent: David Aro, Teresa Perry, and Justin Koski (3). Also present was Jim Lampman, Finance Director and Linda Andriacchi, Beautification Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the July 23, 2018 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending September 24th. A motion was made by Member Slown, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi reported she was honored at the last Thursday night concert of the year for her beautification efforts in the City. She would like to have an “End of the season thank you breakfast” for the volunteers and for everyone who donated. She also thanked the DDA and staff for all their help towards beautification in the City.

There was discussion regarding the Community Foundation grant opportunities and submission of an application for Christmas decorations and beautification.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

It was the consensus of the DDA to file the Chamber of Commerce report.

DOWNTOWN WELCOME SIGNS AND GARDEN LOCATIONS

Member Slown advised after polling the members, the proposed locations for signs are (1) the Pocket Park on the end of Hematite on the east side of Third Street and (2) the south side of the Division Street at the Lakeshore intersection. There was discussion regarding including directional arrows and lighting for the signage.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

Member Slown advised the plans were still being reviewed by the DNR.

APPROVE 2019 DDA BUDGET

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Magnuson to approve the proposed 2019 budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Tracy Magnuson provided an update on the progress of obtaining a 501(c) 3 for Ishpeming Community Events and reviewed the City events covered under their insurance certificate. She further noted they would be signing the agreement with Gus Macker for their event in June of 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

David Aeh provided an update on the meeting held on the Second Hand Dealer Ordinance and reported the meeting went well and ordinance revisions would be prepared; along with a new ordinance for Pawn Shops.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Slown advised staff had received an inquiry on the ski lift chairs that were put out on the sidewalks in the past. Member Aeh explained Ishpeming Main Street did this as a fundraiser, as an "Adopt a Bench" program. He thought, with the exception of a few chairs, several of the chairs had deteriorated and they were no longer placed out.

Member Slown reminded everyone of the Business Resource Expo to be held at the Ski Hall of Fame on September 27th from 5:00 -7:00.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary